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"SLACKER" OR NOT?

Thousands of men lie dead, maimed or disabled as the result of two years of European war. Thousands more will meet like fates before peace is declared. What will be the result of this slaughter of all the potential artists of Europe no one can foresee. That many great painters, sculptors, authors and statesmen shall never reach the fruition of their genius is not to be doubted. What, then, of the living literary man who remained at home?

Thirty-five years old, in the prime of physical and mental powers, gifted with the soul of the singer and the attraction for men of the athlete, Alfred Noyes, during the first year of the great war, remained a visitor in America. Those who heard him when he was in Columbia will remember the impassioned defense of England which he made in his brief address and the intense patriotism which voice and words brought out in his poems. Skeptics said, Why is he not fighting for his beloved England?

What personal reasons Mr. Noyes might give no one knows. Those who can picture what black disaster has fallen upon all the culture and arts of England, France, Germany, Russia and the Balkans can only feel that, whether or not his reasons are adequate, England needs him alive, not dead. A man who at thirty, had founded a new school of poetry whose long musical lines and abundant rhyme popularized poetry with many unlettered persons, who remained clean and virile, a man to be admired for sheer manliness, who put before a doubting public a new ideal of a poet—such a man is one whom the new England, rising from the ashes, will need.

Noyes is not a dreamer. Neither is he poet of the commonplace. The sea is his field; England is his subject. His scholarship comprehends the significance of England's history, and his heart interprets the England of today. As a rallying point for the literature which will follow the war, if slowly, and as a singer of ballads which will put new heart into the English race, Alfred Noyes cannot be spared to the battle line.

A greater than Noyes may die on the battlefield. He may already have died. This we cannot know. But that Noyes is one of the biggest forces in the literary world we do know. Neither England nor the world can spare him.

TECHNICALLY SPEAKING

Just what would be the procedure if Columbia cared to adopt commission government?

Under the Missouri statute of March 28, 1913, which covers the subject, the first step would be a petition presented to the mayor signed by voters equal in number to at least 25 per cent of all the votes cast for all candidates for mayor at the last preceding city election. This petition would ask for a vote on the question.

The mayor, then, by proclamation would submit the question to the voters within the next two months. If more than half the votes were in favor of the proposed change, the measure would be declared passed. But if more than half the votes were against the change, the question could not be reconsidered for two years.

Under the present census figure of 9,662, the voters would elect a mayor and two councilmen. However, if the population of Columbia were found to be more than 12,000, three councilmen would be elected at the next regular city election, unless the regular election was not to be held within the next six months. In that case a special election would be called.

Under the new system elections by wards are abolished. Any person may

become a candidate by filing with the city clerk a personal statement and a petition from twenty-five voters requesting his candidacy. Thereafter the mayor and councilmen would be nominated and elected at regular biennial primaries and elections.

CITY AND CAMPUS

Maurice Hicklin went to Carrollton today, where he will be on recruit duty.

George Biggs of Ladonia, Mo., visited Sunday at the home of C. A. Torreyson, 1113 Paquin street.

Mrs. J. W. Wilkins of Portland, Ore., who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. M. R. Craig, for the last two weeks, returned home today.

Miss Ola Mae Pennington, who is a teacher in the high school at Auxvasse, Mo., returned there today after spending the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Pennington.

Mrs. U. G. Buck of Rothville, who has been visiting her daughter, Miss Pauline Buck, and her niece, Mrs. N. W. Cooper, since Wednesday, returned home today.

W. F. Roberts, who has been visiting here, returned to his home in Moberly today.

Mrs. H. A. Martin, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Martin, for the last two weeks, left for her home in St. Louis today.

Mrs. Martha Jones, Mrs. Josie Owens and Mrs. Emma Hudson of Ashland, and Mrs. Bert Rees, Mrs. W. B. Class and Miss Fannie Martin of Columbia, went to Mexico today to attend the District Rebekah Assembly meeting.

Mrs. W. S. St. Clair, A. W. Taylor, Mrs. L. W. St. Clair-Moss, A. L. Wills and Rev. M. A. Hart left today for Des Moines, Ia., to attend the Christian Church Convention.

Prof. P. M. Brandt returned last night from St. Louis where he was superintendent of dairy cattle at the St. Louis Agricultural Fair.

A. L. Nelson, of the State Board of Agriculture, returned last night from Barnett, Mo., where he has been attending the Third Annual Community Fair and Farmers' Institute.

Harry E. Ridings of the advertising department of the Kansas City Star was in Columbia yesterday on a business trip. Mr. Ridings is a graduate of the School of Journalism.

Miss Lucy Denham of Centralia was shopping here today.

Miss Louise Letts of Sedalia was a week-end guest at the Kappa Kappa Gamma house. Miss Letts was graduated from the University in 1914. She is teaching in the high school at Moberly.

The Pirate Crew, an organization composed of men who live at the Y. M. C. A., met Saturday night in their club room. E. L. Ocker was elected Chief High Pirate for the year. Plans were made for a social Tuesday night for the new men in the building.

Bobby Lakenan, LL.B. '12, Champ.

Robert Lakenan, who was graduated from the School of Law of the University in 1912, is golf champion of the Kansas City Athletic Club. He defeated Earl Voorhis Saturday in a 36-hole match in the championship finals on the Mission Hills links, 5 up and 4 to play.

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Committee to Aid Co-Eds Appointed by Association of Alumnae.

A vocational counseling committee for University women is the latest progressive movement of the local members of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae. To this committee, according to its chairman, Mrs. A. H. R. Fairchild, women of the University will be privileged to come for advice concerning their future occupations, what to do, what University work will best fit them for the future, how such work may be obtained and what the working conditions are in that occupation.

While the work is not yet fully organized, it is the plan of the committee that its members shall be either women who have had experience in vocational guidance or those who have personal knowledge of a number of occupations. The work is in line with that of the association in larger cities, notably New York, Chicago, Boston and Kansas City.

To give added information to the choosing of vocations, H. O. Severance, University librarian, will have placed on an open shelf in the library several books on vocations, particularly for women.

WAS IN AIR RACE FOR 14 HOURS

M.U. Student's Balloon Came Down in Macon County Yesterday.

The balloon, St. Louis 1 whose owner and assistant pilot is Albert von Hoffmann, Jr., a junior in the College of Agriculture, alighted at 8:15 o'clock yesterday morning between Bevier and Callao, Macon County, Okla., at five o'clock Saturday afternoon in the National Balloon Race, and was in the air about fourteen hours.

The descent was made from an altitude of 14,000 feet because a rip in

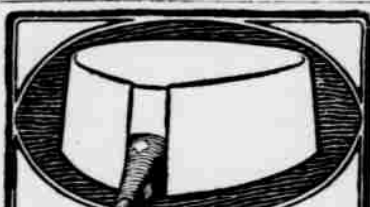
the covering of the balloon made it dangerous to stay in the air longer. Other entries in the race which have been heard from are the White, which landed near Sheldon, Ia., yesterday; the Dayton, which landed near Odessa yesterday, and the Uncle Sam, which came down near Dubuque, Ia., yesterday afternoon.

Women Motorists Here From Denver.

Driving a party of friends from Denver, Colo., in a Hupmobile, Mrs. Joe Grimes, who is visiting Mrs. Elizabeth Minor, 814 Conley avenue, made all the tire changes necessary during the trip. The other members of the party are: Miss Dorothy Grimes, Denver; Miss Julia Peret, Mrs. W. H. Davis, Rogers, Ark., and Mrs. Emma Rawlings, Cripple Creek, Colo.

C. C. Celebrates Annual Campfire.

The annual campfire of Christian College was celebrated at Shepard's farm last Saturday, attended by about 200 members of the faculty and student body. A great campfire was lighted during the serving of supper and formed the center of interest for the rest of the evening.



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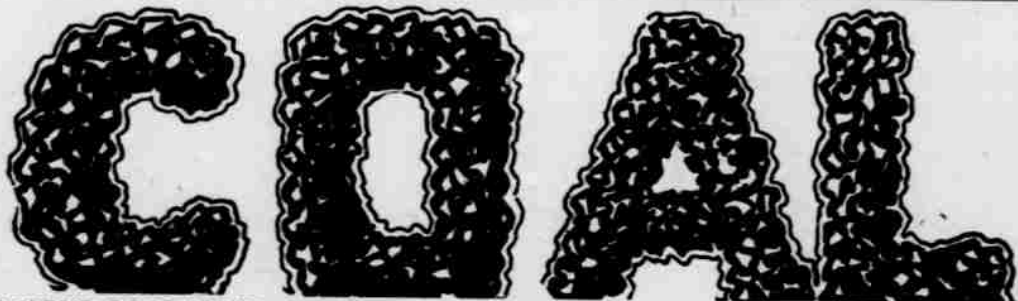
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"Corn growing is our greatest business," said Mr. Mayes. "It is conceded by those who have tried it that if the seed corn were all gathered before heavy frosts and freezing weather and

properly housed with reference to temperature and moisture the average crop of the state should be increased from one to five bushels to the acre. "For that reason the week of Oct. 16 to 21 has been set aside for seed corn gathering, and we hope that Missouri generally will observe it."

Train Hits Negro; His Leg Broken.

Dan Henderson, a negro 29 years old, suffered a broken leg and internal injuries this morning, when struck by a Katy passenger train near Brushwood, south of Columbia, as he was crossing a trestle. He was taken to the Parker Hospital.



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